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Warm, sunny with some thunderstorms this Bank Holiday

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As we move into the Bank Holiday weekend, our latest forecasts show an increased risk of heavy showers and thunderstorms for parts of the UK. It will still be very warm in places, however where we see the greatest risk of cloud an

It will still be very warm in places. However where we see the greatest risk of cloud and thunderstorms, temperatures won't be as high.

National Severe Weather Warnings have been issued from today into Sunday, where heavy showers and thunderstorms could bring localised flooding and damage to buildings from floodwater, lightning strikes, hail and strong winds.

Frank Saunders, Met Office Chief Meteorologist said, “Scattered thunderstorms will be a feature in the forecast for parts of England and Wales this weekend, with heavy downpours and severe storms possibly developing, especially in the evenings.”

Not everywhere will see the showers however and where it remains dry and sunny, temperatures could reach into the high twenties.

So it remains to be seen whether this weekend will see the warmest day of the year so far, with the current record held by St James Park in London at 29.1 Celsius.

The best of the sunshine will still be across Scotland and Northern Ireland through the weekend, where temperatures will be widely in the low to mid 20s. Northern Ireland won’t escape the thunderstorm risk however, with the possibility of some sharp showers here on Sunday.

With the warm weather this weekend, Dr Thomas Waite, a public health consultant at Public Health England, said: "Much of the advice on beating the heat is common sense and for many people spells of warmer weather are something they very much enjoy.

"For some people, such as older people, those with underlying health conditions and those with young children, the summer heat can bring real health risks.

"It is currently Ramadan. If you start to feel unwell, disoriented or confused, or collapse or faint, advice is to stop fasting and have a drink of water or other fluid. The Muslim Council of Britain has confirmed that breaking fast in such conditions is allowable under Islamic law."

Beyond the weekend high pressure and the easterly winds remain in charge into the half- term holidays, with many places seeing a continuation of the very warm, dry spell and the risk of thundery outbreaks for some.

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